

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-862-C - ORDER NO. 1999-214

MARCH 24, 1999

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. – Investigation of Level of Earnings.))))	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE OUT-OF-TIME
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Intervene Out-of-Time in this Docket filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint). Sprint states that it purchases access from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), and it has just learned that BellSouth must reduce its rates by \$6 million per year. Sprint further notes that it was not originally affected by this Docket, and therefore, did not intervene. Now, however, Sprint states that since the case on remand appears to affect access charges, Sprint now wishes to participate to protect its interests.

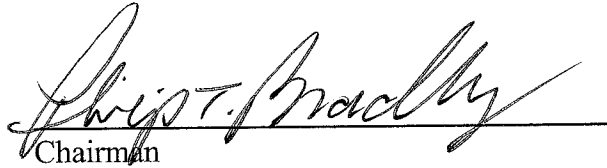
We hold that Sprint has stated reasonable grounds for intervention out-of-time in its Petition. The Petition is therefore granted.

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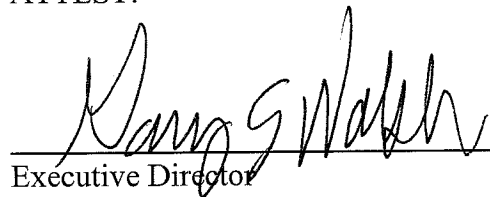
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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